to (d) Information in respect of cases which have come to the notice of the Zonal Railways and Production Units relating to the three Calendar years 1984, 1985 and 1986 is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Allotment of tenders by Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Allahabad

503. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that before accepting the tenders for coal handling, cinder picking and ash handling contract of Allahabad which were opened on 30-10-86, the Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer ordered the Senior Divisional Personnel Office to verify genuineness of all tendering Societies;

(b) whether similar procedure was adopted before finalising tenders for Tundla and Kanpur stations for similar nature of work by the same Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At Kanpur and Tundla the contract was awarded against tenders to the Railway Shram Avam Nirman Sehkari Samiti Ltd., Tundla. The genuineness of this Society had already been verified prior to giving the same Society a temporary, short-term contract for a period of two months immediately before the regular contract.

(c) does not arise.

Corruption in DRM's Office, Allahabad

504. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of complaints received by Government alleging corrupt practices being indulged in by Officer's working in Enginnering Branch, DRM's office, Allahabad, during the last 3 years;

(b) whether some of the officers had/have acquired assets disproportionate to their known source of income;

(c) whether Government propose to conduct sample survey and organise raids with the assistance of C.B.I. to unearth unaccounted money acquired by engineering officers; and

(d) if not, what other steps are proposed to be taken to eliminate corruption rampant at Allahabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) During the period, 15 cases regarding allegations of corrupt practices were registered by the Vigilance Organisation and the CBI, against 14 officers of the Engineering Department of Allahabad Division. Of these, 7 were closed in consultation with Central Vigilance Commission after investigation, as the allegations remained unsubstantiated. In 5 cases, some of the allegations were substantiated, as a result of which disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against 2 officers and 5 officers have been warned/counselled. The remaining 3 cases are still under investigation.

(b) No such case has come to the notice of the Ministry of Railways.

(c) No sample surveys are proposed. However, information con-

cerning officers of poor reputation and those who are likely to have illegal money and disproportionate assets, is being furnished to the CBI. This information assists CBI in taking further action including raids. For reasons of surprise and effectiveness, the CBI conduct the raids on their own, wherever required. The Railways, no doubt, offer all the cooperation and assistance to the CBI in such cases.

(d) Though it cannot be said that corruption is 'rampant', the following important steps are taken to curb it:—

(i) Development of sources of information, identification of corruption-prone areas and persons of doubtful integrity.

(ii) Keeping watch on the work/activities of such persons and in such areas.

(iii) Conducting frequent and surprise checks.

(iv) Prompt investigation of all genuine complaints.

(v) Prompt initiation of proceedings for taking deterrent disciplinary action or prosecution in court.

(vi) Close and frequent liaison with the CBI with whom useful information is exchanged.

Tenders for contracts regarding coal handling cinder picking and ash handling by Railways

505. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether delegation of powers to different departmental heads has been duly summarised in Schedule 'C' circulated by the Northern Railway for the guidance of all concerned; and

(b) if so, what are the powers of J.A. Grade, Additional Divisional Railway Managers in regard to acceptance of limited tenders invited from genuine Labour Cooperative Societies in the matter of allotment of coal handling, cinder picking and ash handling contracts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) (i) Additional Divisional Railway Manager—Up to Rs. 7.5 lakhs.

(ii) J.A. Grade Officers—Up to Rs. 5 lakhs.

Construction of new railway platforms

506. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Mnister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of passenger platforms newly constructed at each major station with the names of the stations during the last 3 years;

(b) what is the number of platforms which are under construction at each major station for passenger traffic in each zone with names of stations; and

(c) what is the detail of funds sanctioned for the construction of new passenger platforms on each major station in each zone upto the end of September, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Anophlese Mosquitoes immune from DDT

507. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: